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Charles Louis Schmidt V

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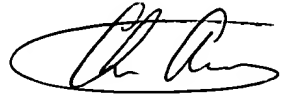
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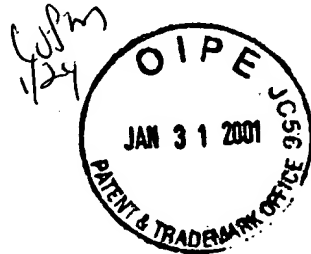
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RESPONSE

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This Response is filed in response to the Office Action dated October 24, 2000 issued with respect to the above-referenced application, and is filed within the three month shortened statutory period set for response to the Office Action. Accordingly, no extension of time fees or petition are required for filing this Response.

REMARKS

On pages 2-5 of the Office Action, the previous rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 6-10, 12, 14-20, and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is maintained (see Office Action dated April 25, 2000 issued in the present application), and claims 13 and 23 are newly rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Specifically, claims 1, 2, 4, 6-10, 12-20, 22, and 23 are rejected as being unpatentable over